Osan AB Action Plan

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- **Goal:** Assess Osan Air Base for a problem with binge drinking.

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- **Rationale:** The recently released DoD Survey of Health Related Behaviors indicated that active duty military report an increase in heavy drinking (five or more drinks per occasion at least once a week) from 15.4% in 1998 to 18.1% in 2002. After the release of the DoD Survey Dr. Winkenwerder, Assistant Secretary for Health Affairs, emphasized that safety, including safe practices and behaviors, to reduce injuries and accidents are a top priority of the DoD. Average productivity loss associated with alcohol abuse is: AD AF E1-E3 = 18.6; E4-E6 = 10.4 days; O1-O3 = 7.3 days. Demographically the 19-31 yo population is 58.6% of AF AD at Osan. The reported binge-drinking rate for the Air Force in 2002 was 20.6%. Within DoD statistics note a CONUS 16.0% rate and 20.7 OCONUS rate. Negative effects of ETOH abuse include: "A strong relationship was observed between heavy alcohol use, productivity loss, and mental health problems.

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Objective

1. By August 2004, determine binge-drinking rate for Osan Air Base.

a. Take the issue to IDS committee

- b. Establish a working group that at a minimum consist of a representative from ADAPT, Services, Public Affairs, HAWC, and Command Chief that reports to the IDS committee
- c. Develop a tool for assessment and conduct the appropriate assessment or assessments (CAGE or AUDIT)

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2. By October 2004, if a problem exist of greater then 10% binge-drinking rate then establish an action plan.

- a. Develop an action plan and report to the CAIB